MR. E. G. SALTER: I have already explained that the S. R. V. Press was the successful tenderer for the year 1113 and we continued to give our orders as a result of their satisfactory service.

MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR: Does the member think that there is no other firm which can do this work satisfactorily?

MR. E. G. SALTER: It is not a question whether there are or are not firms to handle this work satisfactorily. The Department cannot take risks.

MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR: May I know why no chance was given to other presses?

MR. E. G. SALTER: As I have said on two occasions a chance was given in 1113.

MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI: May I know whether it is the tender rate of 1113 that continues even now?

MR. E. G. SALTER: Except for the price of paper, it is the same rate.

Cement manufacture in Travancore.

102. *MR. K. R. NARAYANAN: Will the Government be pleased to state the stage at which the introduction of cement manufacture in Travancore now stands?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: Investigations regarding the resources of raw materials have been nearly completed and negotiations are going on in regard to the further arrangements contemplated.

Import of certain commodities.

103. *MR. K. R. NARAYANAN: Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the quantity of rice, paddy and cloth imported into Travancore during each of the last ten years?

MR. P. G. NARAYANAN UNNITHAN: A statement is laid on the table.

Registration Office at Alloor.

104. MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether Government received a petition on 6-11-1116 about the corrupt practices of a head-clerk in the Registration Office at Alloor; and

(*b*) the action taken thereon?

MR. K. MADHAVA KURUP: (*a*) No.

(*b*) This does not arise in view of the answer to part (*a*) supra

Register Cutcherry at Alloor.

105. *MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR: Will the Government be pleased to state:

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